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Comment: The Jewish Diaspora non-Communist press has often referred to the recent anti-Semitic manifestations by the USSR as the beginning of a world catastrophe and has appealed to world Jewry to unite against this threat to the free world and the Jewish people. The following report presents an article on this subject by L. Segal which appeared in the New York Yiddish-language The Day - Jewish Journal of 25 February 1953. In this article, Segal, among other things, calls for the establishment of a permanent Jewish representative organization on a world-wide basis to fight Soviet anti-Semitism.

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It was no coincidence that at the Prague trials, Jewish Communist government leaders were accused of collaborating with the Zionist movement and the State of Israel in a plot against the so-called Peoples' Democracies. Jews have learned from bitter experience that they are blamed for a country's economic difficulties. Governments, especially dictatorial ones, have always managed to find a scapegoat for the hardships they endured; and it is nothing new that the primary target of these governments has been the Jews. This old method of holding the Jews responsible for economic difficulties has been practiced by the Czarist and the Hitler regimes, and the Communists are following in their footsteps.

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power, many important elements among the democratic peoples did not want to admit that Hitlerism was the greatest danger to humanity and to the Jewish people, and it was very difficult at that time to convince those people of this danger. There are, however, very few democratic countries at present which have not yet realized the great Communist danger. Dealings with the USSR and her satellites during recent years have opened the eyes even of those people who, for some time, have been Communist sympathizers. The democratic nations have realized that the methods of the USSR are world-wide in scope and that, therefore, the fight against Communism also has to be on a world-wide basis.

Unfortunately, at present, there is no permanent Jewish body to represent world Jewry, a body which can combat all Jewish enemies and which can, at least partially, diminish the danger which now threatens millions of Jews. Of course, there is the world Zionist movement and its democratic institutions, which represent Zionism and Israel, but there are also many non-Zionist Jewish bodies. Admittedly, these Zionist and non-Zionist bodies do conduct joint drives (Israeli bonds, Israeli investments, etc.), unfortunately, however, there is no joint Jewish representation in the political field.

It is a fact that from time to time, joint committees of Zionist and non-Zionist Jewish bodies have been established in the US on a world-wide basis. However, these committees have been only temporary and, therefore, have not been able to function properly and have not had a strong effect on the political and sociological activities of the Jewish people as a whole. When the first news about Communist anti-Semitism reached the US, a committee consisting of more than 30 Jewish organizations was organized. The mission of this committee was to orient the Jewish and non-Jewish world about the ill effects of Communist anti-Semitism on freedom and democracy and on the Jewish people. It must be realized, however, that it is impossible for any voluntary organization which is established during an emergency to carry out extensive activities efficiently as a joint representative body of world Jewry.

It is now planned to hold a conference of Jewish organizations from various countries of the world. This conference, which will be held in Switzerland in March 1953 [postponed because of Stalin's death], has been initiated by the Jewish Agency, the executive body of the World Zionist Organization. It will discuss the problems now existing among the Jewish people in connection with Communist anti-Semitism. At this conference, Jews from all parts of the world will, through their representatives, protest against anti-Semitism and appeal to the free democratic world to assist them in their fight against Communist anti-Semitism.

It has been rumored, however, that this forthcoming conference will not effect the establishment of a permanent Jewish body which will enforce the resolutions made by this conference. It has even been maintained that a number of Jewish organizations agreed to send their representatives to this conference only if it would not become a permanent Jewish body. It is, therefore, questionable whether this conference will have a far-reaching effect on the Jewish and non-Jewish world, when it is felt beforehand that joint action on a world-wide basis cannot be taken. Certainly, the world will not be impressed by the fact that Jews in times of distress fear the establishment of world Jewish alliances to acknowledge their mutual interests.

The Jewish world has been discussing Jewish nationalism and internationalism for many years. Some Jewish groups (assimilated Jews) have always refused to recognize the Jewish people as such. These Jewish groups also refused to admit that an attack on Jews in one country seriously affected Jews in the entire world. This way of thinking came to an end with the misfortune brought on the Jewish people by Hitlerism and also with the establishment of the Jewish State. It is strange, however, that certain Jewish organizations

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still do not recognize the fundamental reasons for joint action. The Western countries, realizing that joint action will increase their chances of successfully combating the Communist enemy, have recently established close ties among themselves.

On many occasions, the Israeli government has declared that it does not profess to represent politically or sociologically all the Jews in the world and that it represents only the Jewish citizens in Israel. Yet the world Zionist movement is morally justified in representing the entire Jewish people, because Zionism has constantly carried the burden of the needs, hopes, and security of the Jewish people in the world. However, important Jewish organizations still remain in the US and other parts of the world which do not agree to representation by the Zionist movement.

It is absolutely necessary to establish a world-wide Jewish alliance and form a permanent Jewish representative body of world Jewry to fight against Soviet anti-Semitism, which is endangering the free world and the Jewish people.

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